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Restoring the Health of the **Chesapeake Bay**





On the Annapolis City Dock last month, I signed the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement alongside leaders from the watershed region in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York, West Virginia, and D.C., to protect and preserve one of our nation's most valuable

The agreement creates what we hope will be long-lasting partnerships between federal, jurisdictional, and non-governmental participants in the important work we're doing to restore the Bay.

I am dedicated to meeting our state's two-year measurable milestones and honoring the transparency we've created with the BayStat program, issuing annual Chesapeake Bay Health Report Cards to assess our progress.

We have already met our first set of two-year milestones. Now, together, we hope to do more. We will work tirelessly to achieve a goal we set long ago: to ensure that by 2025 we reach a Healthier Bay Tipping Point when our bay can begin the process of self-healing. And with the continued support of the EPA and our partners in the region, we know this goal will be made a reality, creating a brighter future for our greatest natural resource for generations to come.

Thank you, Governor O'Malley

What's happening?











Havre de Grace Independence Celebration

July 1-5, Harve de Grace Come celebrate Independence Day with a parade, concert, fireworks, and

Talbot County Fair

July 9-12, Easton Bring the whole family to the Talbot County Fair for rides, exhibits, food, and tons of fun!

Infinity Theatre Company presents Theatre for Young Audiences

June 21-August 2, Arnold A comedic performance of The Emperor's New Clothes explores our perception of leadership and truth through original music and lively dancing. General Admission tickets: \$12; children admission: \$10.

Silver Spring Summer Swing **Concert Series**

June 26-August 14, Silver Spring Free live concerts are held on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm.

Farmer's Market

May 9-August 29, Metro Centre at Owings Mills Over 40 vendors will be selling locally grown produce, flowers, dairy products, and more every Friday. Find more local farmers markets.

OC Beach Lights

June 10-August 31, Ocean City Experience an exciting video and audio production show featuring lasers, lighting, and all new firework effects along the boardwalk.

Watermen Heritage Tours

April 1-October 1, Annapolis Go out on the Bay with an experienced waterman for a one of a kind experience. Tours include scenic kayak rides, sunset sails, and crabbing adventures.

For more events around Maryland, visit the Maryland Tourism Office and

Celebrating our Shared Heritage

In June, we celebrated the first Immigrant Heritage Month, an opportunity to reflect on the valuable traditions that immigrants contribute to the spirit of our nation.

Thanks to the partnership of advocates and lawmaker, Governor



O'Malley signed the DREAM Act into law to expand opportunity to more children and invest in their futures. Under the DREAM Act, students have access to in-state tuition rates, regardless of their parents' immigration status, provided they graduate from a Maryland high school, pay state taxes, and commit to legalizing their status as soon as they are eligible.

Energy Efficiency and Sustainability

Last month, Governor O'Malley attended the NEXTgen-M Energy Forum in Baltimore and talked with 200 Maryland manufacturers about energy efficiency. Our natural resources are limited, and it will take leadership and innovation to continue to build a stronger green economy.

Maryland has become one of the top ten states for energy efficiency and we also have the 4th highest concentration of green jobs in the country. These measurable goals tell the story of One Maryland which cares about the environment and its future.

Innovators like the men and women at the NEXTgen-M Energy Forum are essential to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, boosting renewable energy, and driving down energy consumption to further this state's commitment to continuing to raise its environmental standards.

Marylander on the Move: Jamon Fields

This fall, Jamon Fields will begin his senior year at Largo High School, but, until then he'll serve on Maryland's Conservation Jobs Corps (CJC). Last year, Jamon was a member of Crew 63 at Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary and Visitor's Center in Upper Marlboro, where he helped to build a new accessible



dock. He'll return to Merkle this summer, and will help tackle some of the 133 projects that over 300 Maryland corps members will lead across the state.

Established in 2008, the CJC introduces Marylanders aged 14-17 to service opportunities in Maryland State Parks. While some members, like Jamon, were already avid outdoor enthusiasts before joining the CJC, for many the program offers a first time exposure to our state's natural beauty. Corps members develop an appreciation for the environment, among other important job and life skills, as they take on landscaping and construction is that members have the opportunity to partcipate in a variety of recreational activities in Maryland State Parks.

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POLL OF THE MONTH How are you showing your patriotism this summer?



MARYLAND TWEETS Follow us on Twitter!

@GovernorOMalley: Great to represent #Maryland at the @Smithsonian today to #RaiseltUp in honor of the 200th anniversary of the Star-Spangled Banner. #FlagDay

@MDBiz: Marvland is listed as one of the top five states for the "new economy". Via @Forbes

@MdAgDept: @GovernorOMalley Announces Local Menus for the 7th Annual Buy Local Cookout! #BuyLocalCookout

@theDrybar: So surreal, but today is proclaimed #ButtercupDay in @StateMaryland! Special thx to @GovernorOMalley & DB regional manager Courtney!

@AccessDNR: TIP: Health & Safe Swimming @MarylandDHMH @MDEnvironment & DNR remind Marylanders of safe & health swimming practices ow.ly/ygWYd

@GovernorOMalley: The Wash Post says we've done more in Maryland to hold down the cost of college tuition than any other state: washingtonpost.com/opinions/best-..

Hashtag of the Month: During July, use #MDSummer to talk about the great events, festivals and activities happening in Maryland this summer!

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In June, Governor O'Malley

Great work Jamon and thank you to all of the CJC students for your hard work!

Innovation Maryland: Cellphire

Cellphire, a Rockville-based biotech company, was awarded \$1 million from InvestMaryland, an initiative launched in 2010 by Governor O'Malley.



"Maryland is a center of healing and discovery. The technology being developed by Cellphire has the potential to improve care and save lives around the globe," Governor O'Malley said.

diagnostic reagents used in clinical and research settings.

celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Star-Spangled Banner at the National Museum of American History's Flag Day Celebration - Raise It Up! Anthem for America.



Governor O'Malley spoke on America's rich history and the importance of diversity in strengthening our country. Watch the full address.

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